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SUBJ: DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT

1. IN PRESENCE OF QUEEN JULIANA, PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT, OTHER DUTCH MINISTERS, NATO SYG LUNS, SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OTHER GUESTS FORMER DUTCH AMB TO US, HERMAN VAN ROIJEN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE PEACE PALACE, FORMALLY PRESENTED NEW BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. (GON, AT INITIATIVE OF THEN DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER LUNS, HAD PROVIDED FUNDS FOR NEW BUILDING IN 1970 WHEN CONFRONTED WITH POSSIBILITY ICV, DISSATISFIED WITH OUTMODED IF ELEGANT VICTORIAN ACCOMMODATIONS OF PEACE PALACE, MIGHT LEAVE THE HAGUE.) IN ACCEPTING THE BUILDING SYG WALDHEIM RECALLED HISTORIC ROLE OF NETHERLANDS IN DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL LAW, EMPHASIZED URGENT NEED FOR COURT TO PLAY ROLE CHARTER ENVISAGED FOR IT, AND EXPRESSED HOPE "NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL TURN TO THE RULE OF LAW AS A MATTER OF COURSE INSTEAD OF RESORTING TO FORCE AND VIOLENCE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES." PRESIDENT OF ICJ, JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA, UNVEILED PLAQUE COMMEMORATING OPENING OF BUILDING AND TERMED NEW BUILDING "GESTURE OF FAITH IN THE INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL PROCESS IN AN ERA WHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT PROCESS IS CLOUDED BY DOUBT AND SELFQUESTIONINGS."

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2. COPIES OF SPEECHES OF UNSYG AND ICJ PRESIDENT POUCHED IO.  
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